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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SENT US NOTE VERBALE, DATED
FEBRUARY 21, 1975, IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHES (REFTELS)
ON ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ROAD BUILDING PROJECT ON CEMETERY
ENTRY. PERTINENT PARTS IN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY EMBASSY
TRANSLATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTED APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES
AND CALLED THEIR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED
FIVE-METER WIDENING OF THE ROAD WOULD LEAD TO THE
DESTRUCTION OF CEMETERY ENTRY AND WOULD FURTHER CAUSE
WATER RUNOFF PROBLEMS. GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS
HAVE NOTIFIED US OF FOLLOWING: EDGE OF NEW ROAD (BORD DU

REVETEMENT) WILL BE MORE THAN 3.5 METERS FROM HEDGE
WHICH BORDERS CEMETERY, I. E., THERE WILL BE A SIDE
SPACE OF 3.5 METERS OF EACH (TERRE BATTUE) WHICH WILL
BE PROTECTED BY A CONCRETE STOP BUFFER (B AND DE
CONTREBUTAGE AN BETON) ONE HALF METER WIDE WHICH WILL
FORM THE EDGE OF THE VEHICLE LANES (SURFACE DE ROULEMENT)
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OF THE NEW ROAD. THE WATER RUNOFF IS PRACTICALLY

UNCHANGED AS THE PRESENT 0.61 PERCENT SLOPE OF THE ENTRY
WILL BE CHANGED TO ONLY 1.72 PERCENT AND THE AREA WHOSE
LEVEL WILL BE CHANGED WILL STOP MORE THAN 10 METERS
IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE GATES. THUS IT DOES NOT
APPEAR THAT THE PROPOSED WORK WILL CAUSE SERIOUS
DIFFICULTIES FOR THE CEMETERY. UNQUOTE.

2. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO JUDGE THE ENGINEERING DATA
OR THE CONCLUSION PROVIDED IN BELGIAN NOTE AND DETERMINE
IF THIS NEW INFORMATION MEETS ABMC'S CONCERNS. PLEASE
ADVISE SO WE CAN EITHER PURSUE MATTER OR THAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY.

3. COPY OF NOTE MAILED TO ABMC (GENERAL DONALDSON) AND
TO MR. FRANCIS J. DUFFY AT NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROG. RENNER

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